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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 16 is hereby amended. Amendment of claim 16 is supported, for example, by page 3, lines 12-20.

Applicants note that the Office Action Summary lists claims 25 and 26 as withdrawn. However, claims 25 and 26 were canceled in the Amendment filed on November 7, 2005. Correction is requested.

Claims 16-24 and 27 were rejected as being anticipated by Nakatani (US 5,888,627). Applicants traverse this rejection. Nakatani does not disclose or suggest a method of manufacturing a printed circuit board, including the step of preparing a dielectric substrate of a pre-preg formed by impregnating a glass cloth or a glass nonwoven fabric with a thermosetting epoxy resin mixed with fine particles, wherein the mixture of the thermosetting resin with the fine particles is dispersed throughout the entire thickness of the glass cloth or the glass nonwoven fabric, as required by claim 16. While Nakatani may teach a step of forming a dielectric substrate containing inorganic filler, the step involves pasting a resin component layer that contains inorganic filler to both side of an organic nonwoven fabric (see column 8, lines 32-45). The reference teaches that only the outside layers of the resulting dielectric substrate contain inorganic fillers. Therefore, Nakatani does not disclose dispersal through the entire thickness of the organic nonwoven fabric, as required by claim 16. Favorable reconsideration of claims 16-24 and 27 is requested.

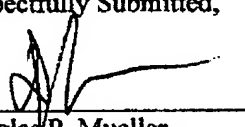
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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455-3804.

Respectfully Submitted,

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